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Ph.D. AstroGeophysics (1982) University of Colorado.

Chris McKay's current research focuses on the evolution of the solar system and the origin of life. He is also actively involved in planning for future Mars missions including human exploration.

Chris been involved in research in Mars-like environments on Earth, traveling to the Antarctic dry valleys, Siberia, the Canadian Arctic, and the Atacama desert to study life in these Mars-like environments.

His was a co-I on the Titan Huygen's probe in 2005, the Mars Phoenix Lander mission that just landed, and the Mars Science Lander mission slated for launch in 2009.